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Forest - Coimbatore Dist - Kollegal Taluk issue of
Transport - permit - powers to village officers etc
Representation - Report on

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Petition from Villagers of Ramapuram etc.

The Timber Transport permits may be issued to be viseed & countersigned by the Village officers as of old days instead of the Forest authorities as is in vogue now

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Forest Department

From (Name)
Sri V.V. Subramanian, I.C.S.,
Designation
Chief Conservator of Forests,
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?Madras.6.

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To
The Secretary to Government,
Development Department,
Madras.9.

Enclosures:

Ref:No. 18997/53. D1. dated 12th August, 1953.

Sir,

Sub: FORESTS--Coimbatore District--Kollegal Taluk' Issue of transport permit--Powers to Village Officers etc., -- Representation--Report on.

Ref: Government Memo. No. 77802.CII/53-1 Development dated 22-6-53.

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The petitioners have made the following requests namely:-

1) that the Village Officers may be authorised to issue permits for the transport of timber and fuel from patta lands;

and 2) that the Villagers may be permitted to cut and remove dry fuel and thorns from the Reserved Forest.

2. I have to observe as follows on these two points:-

Point (1):-

In July 1952, Sri S.C. Virupakshiah M.L.A., submitted a petition to the Chief Conservator of Forests, on behalf of the villagers of Kollegal taluk, requesting that the system of Forest Officers issuing permits for removal of timber from private patta lands be dispensed with and that in its place the old system of village officers countersigning the permits be revived. The matter was referred to the Conservator, Coimbatore circle for remarks. The Conservator discussed the matter with the M.L.A. and a ~~member~~ number of villagers and as a result of this discussion it was decided that the existing system would continue but that the departmental Officers would try their best to see that the Form II permits were issued or countersigned without undue delay. This decision was officially communicated to the M.L.A. The question was re-opened by the villagers of Kollegal taluk in December 1952. The matter was again enquired into and a detailed report submitted to Government in Chief Conservator's ref: No. 27299/52.C.2. dated 5-5-53. And Government passed their final orders in Government Memo. No. 141808.CII/52-6, Development dated 17-6-53 agreeing with the remarks of the Chief Conservator that no action was called for in the matter. However, to liberalise on the existing system, the District Forest Officer, Kollegal, has arranged for the issue of Form II permits by all the Foresters of the Division; it is hoped that this will meet the demands of the Public adequately.

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Point 2:-

It would be opening the way towards total destruction of the forests, to allow removal of dead wood. While such requests for removal of what would otherwise merely lie, decay and rot in the jungle - seem inocuous, they are (if conceded) in practice invariably followed by illicit girdling or felling of green stems in order to 'develop' an endless supply of dead wood for their removal. And it would be impracticable to prevent such misbehaviour once free entry (for removal of dead wood) into the Reserved Forests is granted.

3. In the circumstances, no action is called for on the petition of the villagers. It may be rejected.

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for CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS,
Madras.6.

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Dev. (II) Dept

Memo No 77 802 (II) / 2 -1 dt 2.9.93

Subs:- Forests - Consideration Dept - Illegal Felling - Issue of Transport Passes towards village utility etc. - Representation.

Refs:- From the Villagers of Rama Pervaram etc dtd nil.

From the C.C.F No. 18997/93-01 dt 27.8.93

In the circumstances reported, the Govt consider that no further action is necessary in the matter. The CCF is requested to send a suitable reply to the petitioners.

To
The C.C.F.

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DEV. (CII) DEPT.

Sub: Forests - Coimbatore Dist. - Kollegal Taluk - Issue of transport permits - Power to Villa e officers etc. - Representation.

Ref: From the Villagers of Ramapuram etc. of Kollegal Taluk,
From the C.C.F., No. 18997/53-D1, d/ 12.8.53.

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To A.S.

In their petition at plc.f. the villagers of Ramapuram etc. (Vs) Kollegal Taluk, Coimbatore Dist. make the following requests.

1. That the Village officers may be authorized to issue permits for the transport of timber and fuel from patta lands.
2. That the Villagers may be permitted to cut and remove dry fuel and thorn from the Reserve Forests.

The requests are noted on below:

Request (i):- This request was examined previously. The Conservator of Forests, Coimbatore circle discussed the matter with the local M.L.A. and a number of villagers and as a result of this discussion it was decided that the existing system should continue and that Form II of permits should be issued by all Foresters of the Divn. The C.C.F. considers that this liberalized policy will meet the demands of the public adequately. In the circumstances reported no further action seems called for in the matter. For orders.

Request (ii):- The C.C.F. considers that the request if conceded would in practice lead to creation of dead wood by girdling or felling of green stems and that it would be impracticable to prevent such misbehaviour once free entry (for removal of dead wood) into the Reserved Forests is granted. He is therefore not in favour of the request. For orders whether the CCF's views will be accepted.

~~In the circumstances reported no further action in this file seems called for. For orders whether~~

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~~the papers may be lodged after circulation to~~
~~M. Agri. with refrence to minutes at p. 1 c.f.~~

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For orders on A+B on p 1 ante

A+B on p 1 above may be approved (M. Agri.)

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Deptt(s) Dr M.

~~To A.S.~~
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~~Orders on circulation above.~~

A draft O.M. is submitted for approval.

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